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AUNT MINERVA, LEADING LADY OF THE UNDERWORLD, HATCHES A PLOT TO DOMINATE THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE!

IF THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD RESTS WITH THE CHILDREN, I'LL CONTROL THE CHILDREN!

GREAT IDEA, BUT HOW?

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

I'LL USE MY MIND CONTROL MACHINE TO CONFUSE THEIR MINDS. WE'LL CAPTURE THE TV STATION AND BROADCAST "CONTROLLED THOUGHTS"! I'LL CONVINCE THEM THAT WHAT THEY LIKE THEY DON'T REALLY LIKE!

BRILLIANT THINKING, AUNT MINERVA!

AUNT MINERVA'S HENCHMEN CAPTURE BILLY BATSON.

MINERVA QUICKLY BEGINS OPERATION "BIG LIE."

YOU DON'T LIKE HOSTESS TWINKIES!

YOU DON'T LIKE HOSTESS TWINKIES!

I DON'T LIKE HOSTESS TWINKIES!

I DON'T LIKE HOSTESS TWINKIES!

WE'VE GOT TO DECONTROL THE CHILDREN'S MINDS... AND LET THEM SAY WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN!

SHAZAM!

AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD MYSTIC LIGHTNING STRIKES AGAIN!

THINK FOR YOURSELVES AGAIN, KIDS!

WHAT AM I SAYING? I LOVE HOSTESS TWINKIES!

GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE WITH CREAMY FILLING INSIDE!! WHAT COULD BE MORE DELICIOUS THAN TWINKIES?

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL HAS BEATEN ME AGAIN!

YOU SHOULD BRAINWASH THE KIDS ABOUT SOMETHING OTHER THAN TWINKIES.

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YEAH, AUNT MINERVA, KIDS LIKE TWINKIES TOO MUCH TO BE FOOLED!



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WORLD HAS
VANISHED!

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SUPERMAN, BUT THIS
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JUST SOLD THE METRO-
NARROWS BRIDGE...

...TO THIS
ORDINARY-
LOOKING, NAIVE
HAYSEED...

...WHO IS
CARRYING
IT AWAY
WITH HIM!

BE WARNED, SUPERMAN--GETTING THE
BRIDGE BACK WILL BE EASY COMPARED
TO THE STRUGGLE YOU'LL FACE IN...

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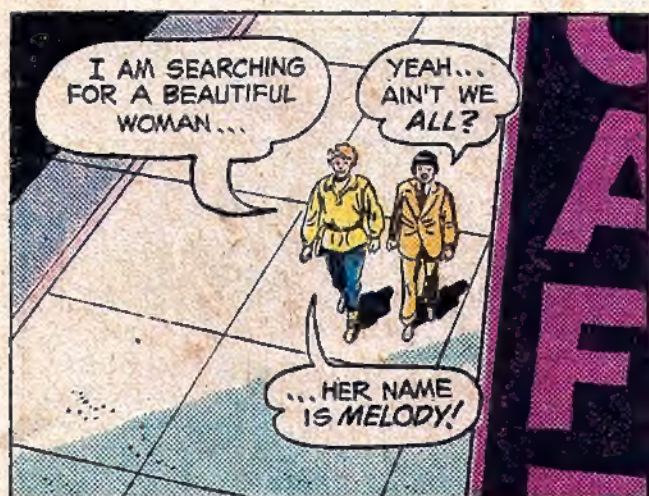
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I AM SEARCHING FOR A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN...

YEAH... AIN'T WE ALL?

...HER NAME IS MELODY!



SHE LEFT OUR PEACEFUL VALLEY ONE WEEK AGO, AND CAME TO THIS CITY TO BUY A GOWN FOR OUR WEDDING...

HMM! THIS DUDE'S GOT NO POCKETS...

...BUT SHE HAS NOT YET RETURNED!

...HIS DOUGH MUST BE IN THAT POUCH!

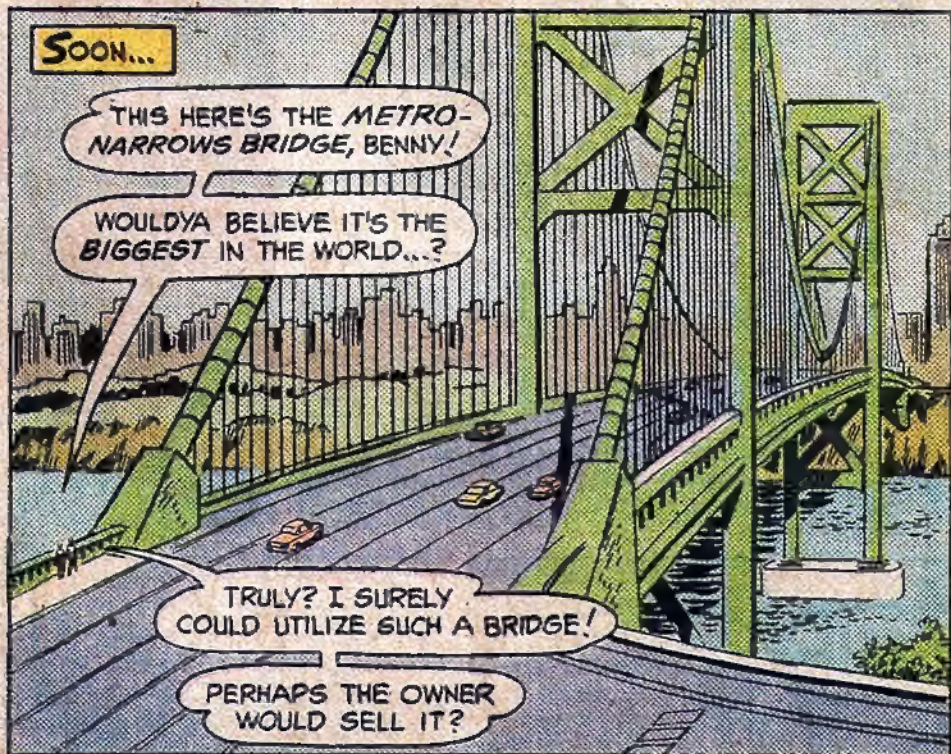


NOW IT IS MY TASK TO LOCATE HER!

YEAH... WELL, TELL YOU WHAT, BENNY!

...I'LL TAKE YA AROUND AND SHOW YA THE SIGHTS, AN' MAYBE YOU'LL SPOT HER!

GOTTA STRING THIS TURKEY ALONG TILL I CAN GRAB HIS WAD... THEN SPLIT!



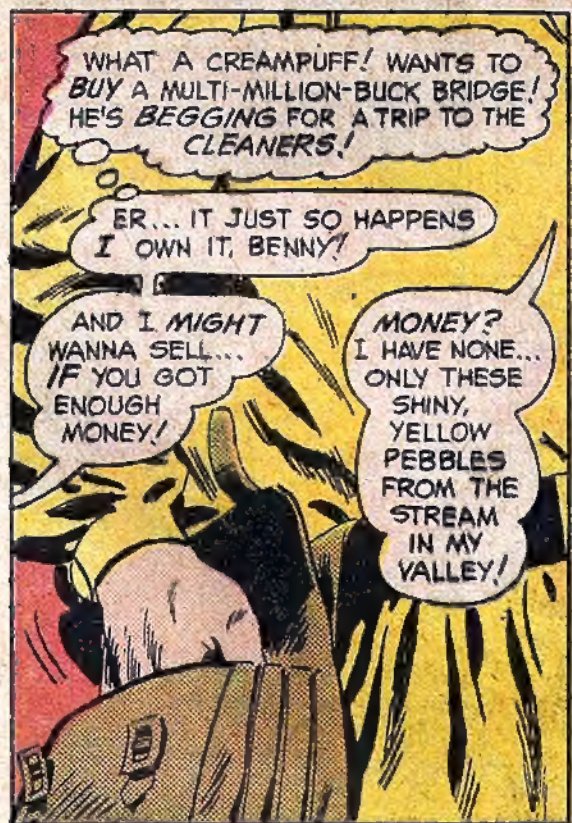
SOON...

THIS HERE'S THE METRO-NARROWS BRIDGE, BENNY!

WOULD YA BELIEVE IT'S THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD...?

TRULY? I SURELY COULD UTILIZE SUCH A BRIDGE!

PERHAPS THE OWNER WOULD SELL IT?



WHAT A CREAMPUFF! WANTS TO BUY A MULTI-MILLION-BUCK BRIDGE! HE'S BEGGING FOR A TRIP TO THE CLEANERS!

ER... IT JUST SO HAPPENS I OWN IT, BENNY!

AND I MIGHT WANNA SELL... IF YOU GOT ENOUGH MONEY!

MONEY? I HAVE NONE... ONLY THESE SHINY, YELLOW PEBBLES FROM THE STREAM IN MY VALLEY!



GASP! GOLD! SOLID GOLD NUGGETS!

PRETTY, AREN'T THEY?

WOULD YOU CONSIDER A TRADE?



I'M LETTIN' IT GO FOR A SONG, YA UNDERSTAND, BUT... UH... I LIKE YOU, SO ...IT'S ALL YOURS!

I'LL RUN ALONG NOW, SINCE YOU'LL WANT TO STAY WITH YOUR NEW BRIDGE!



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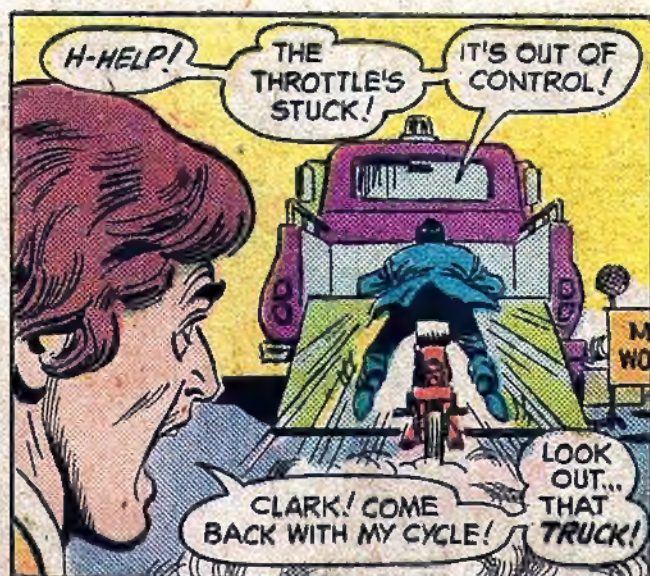
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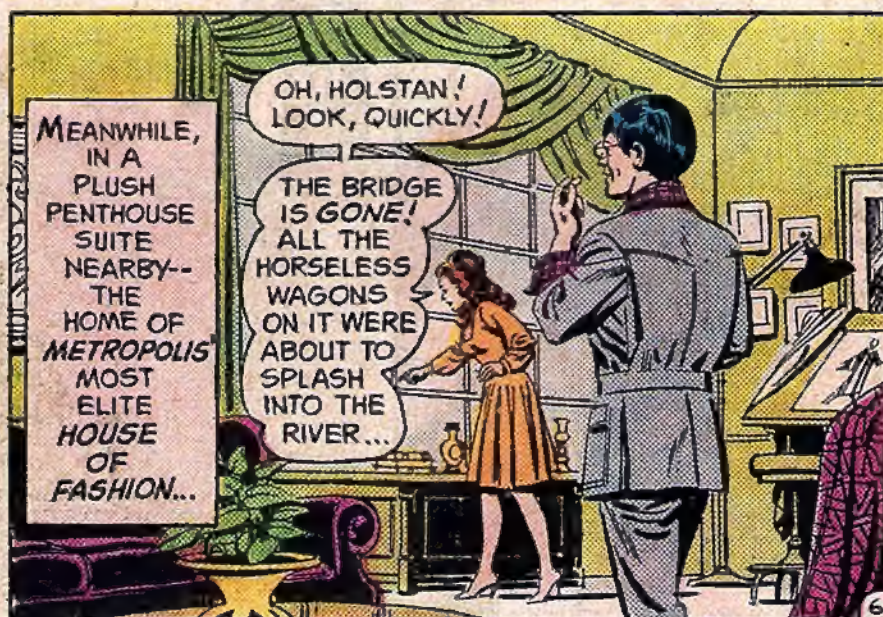
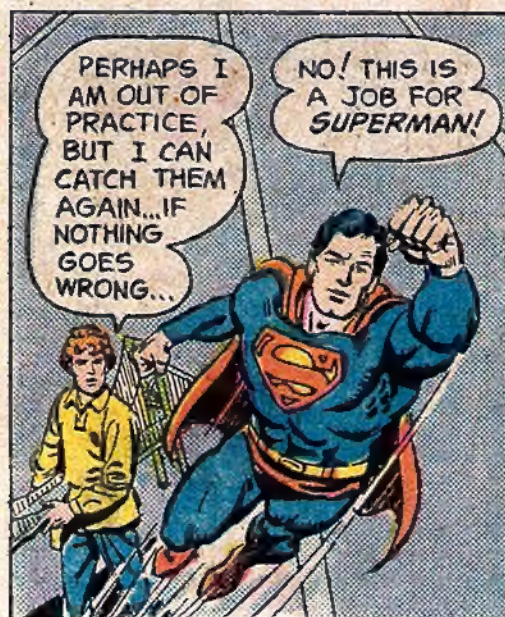
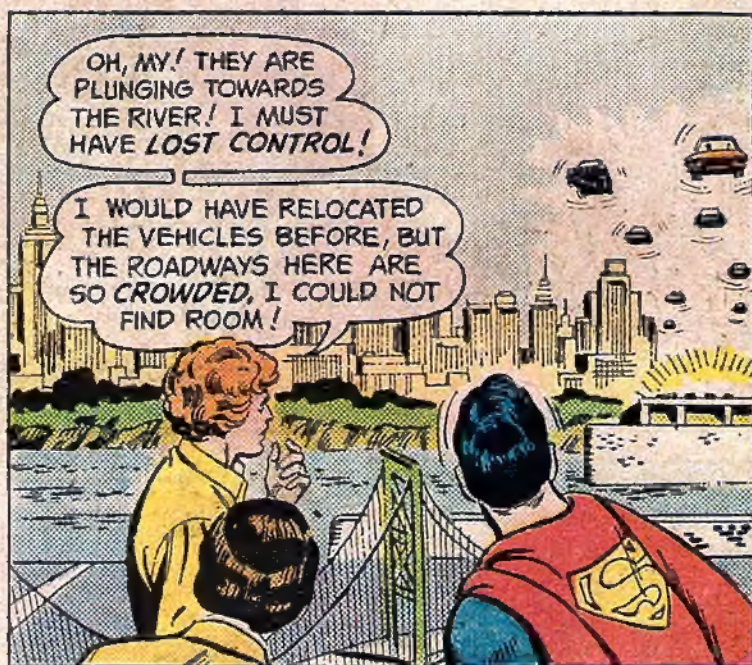
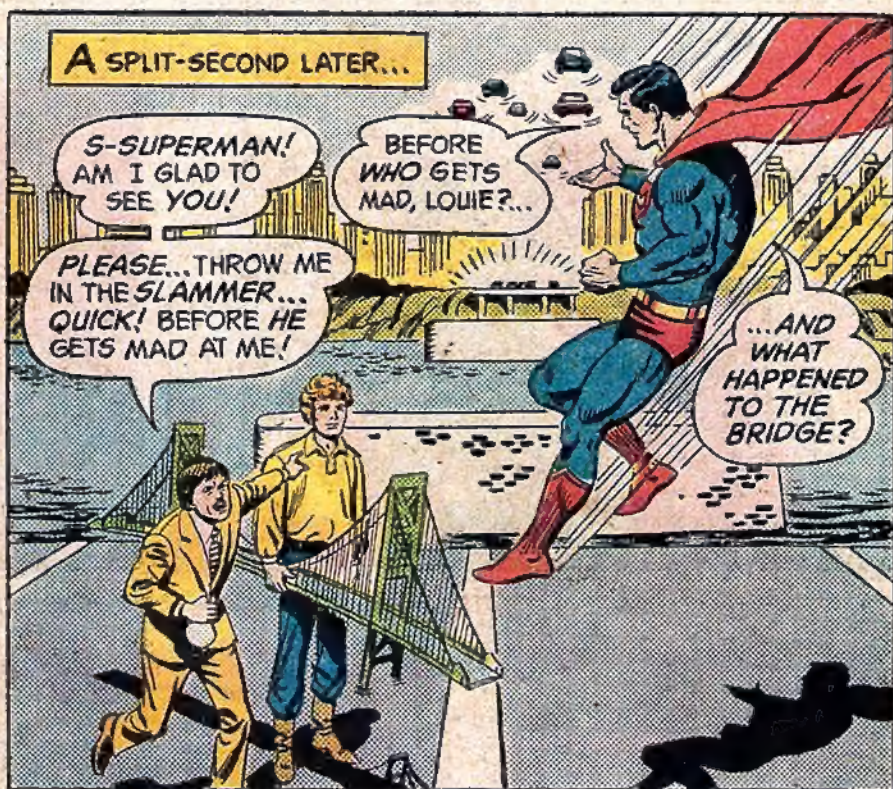
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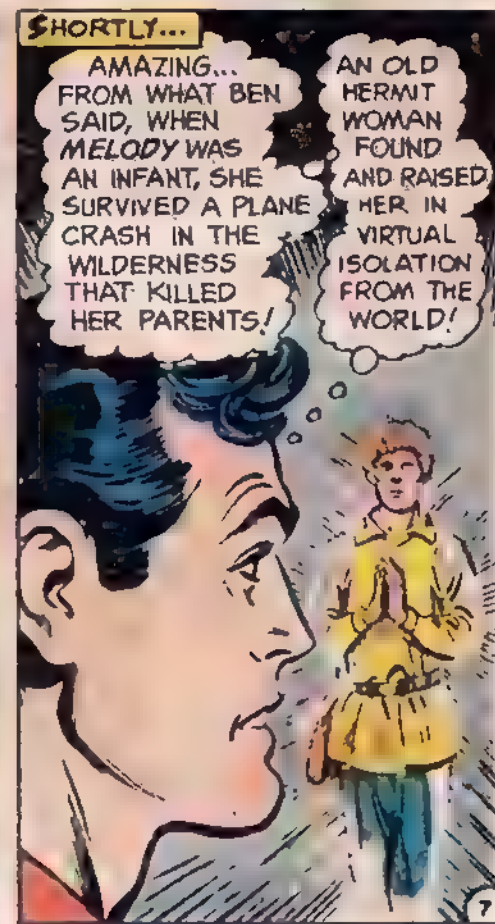
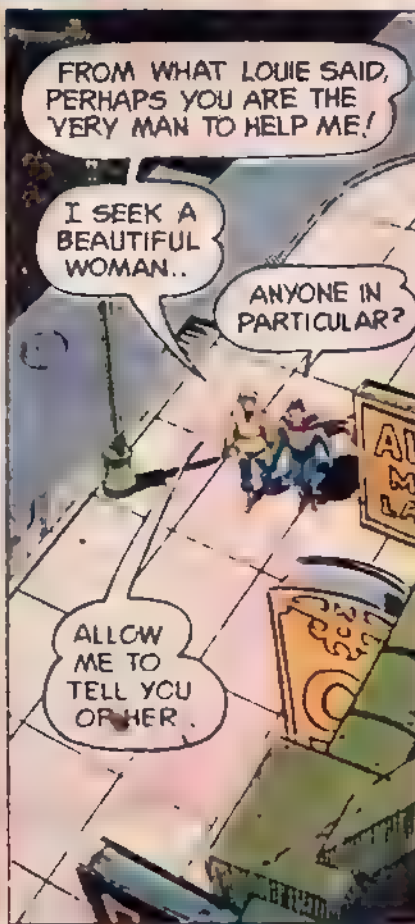
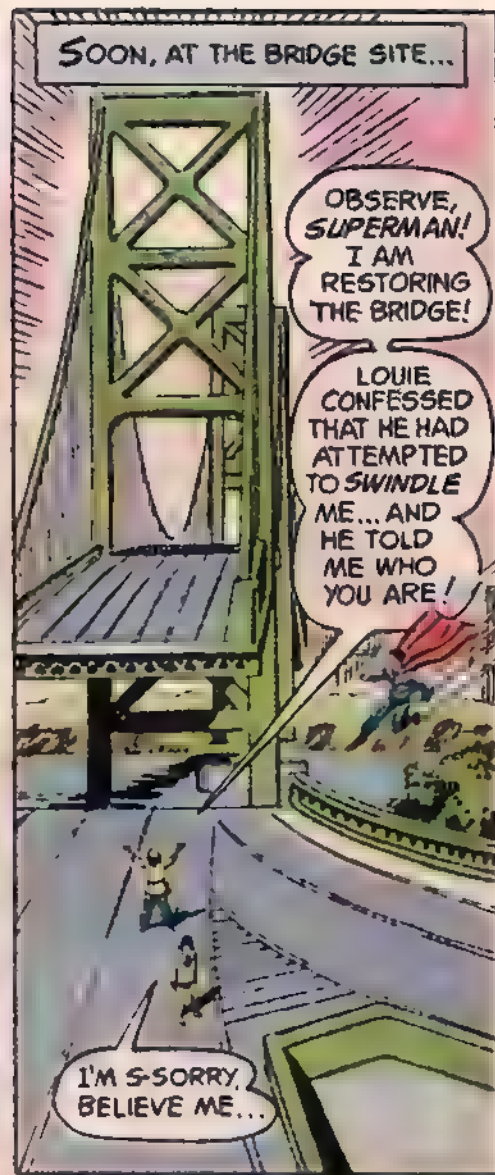
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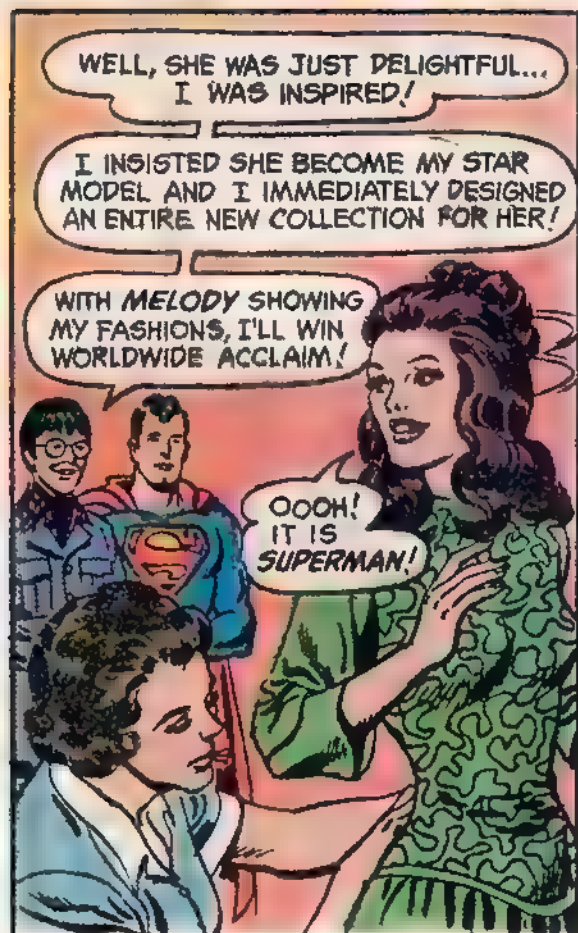
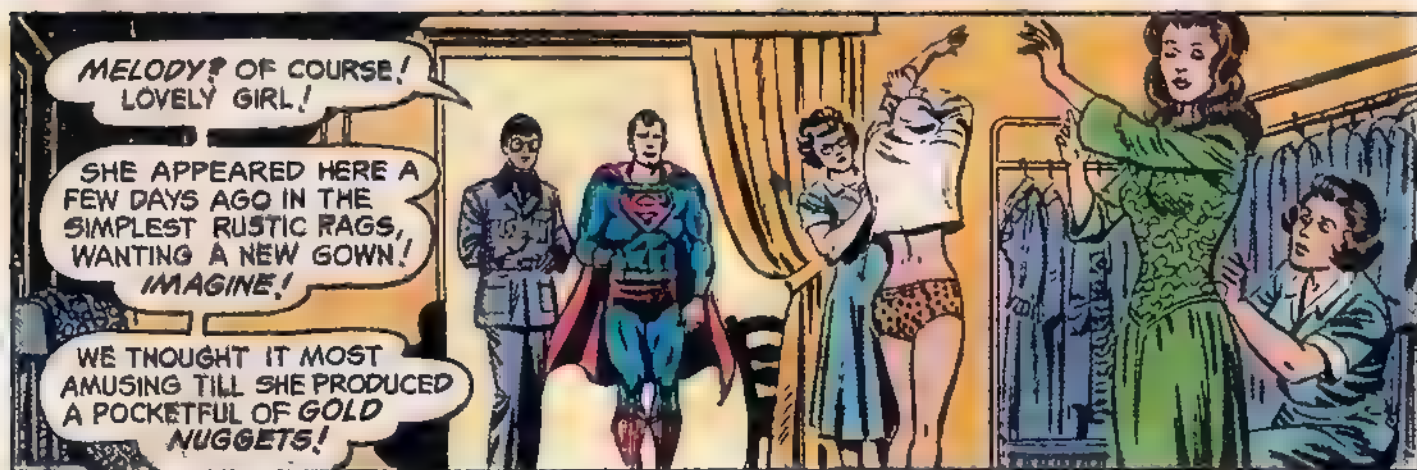
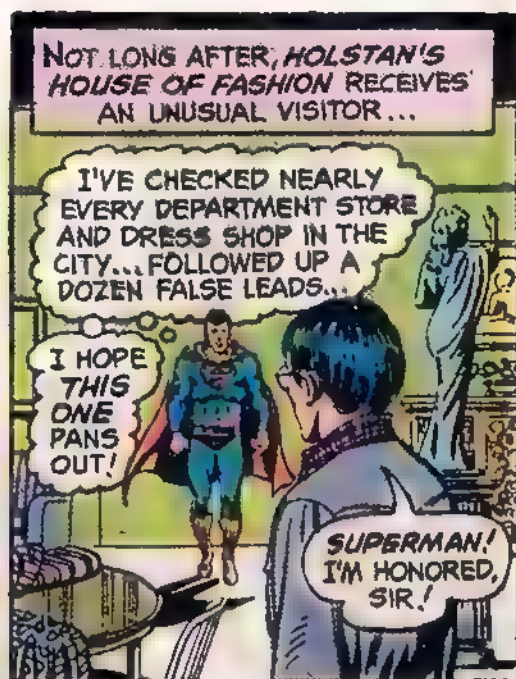
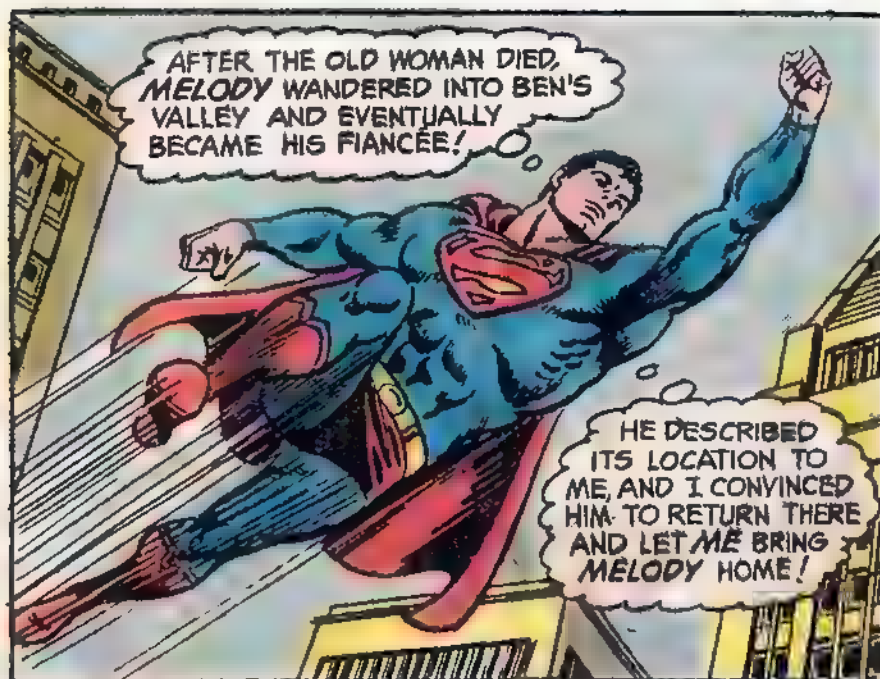
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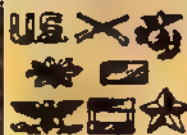
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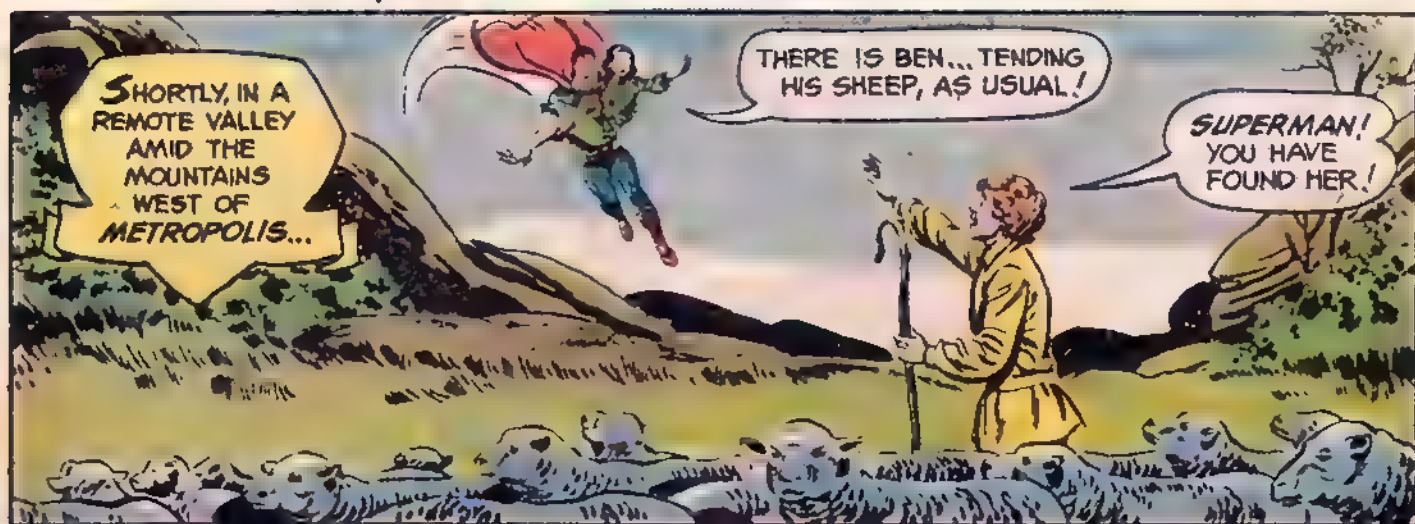


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ALL ABOUT
MELODY... BUT
HE COULDN'T
RECALL MUCH
ABOUT HIMSELF!

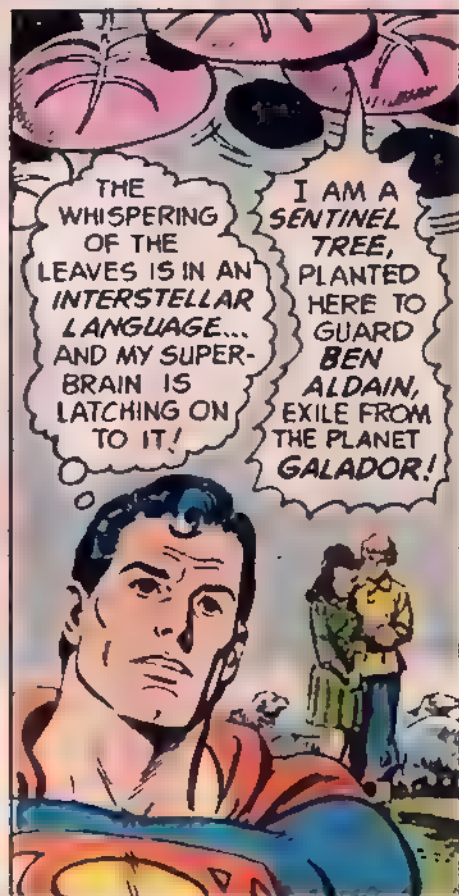
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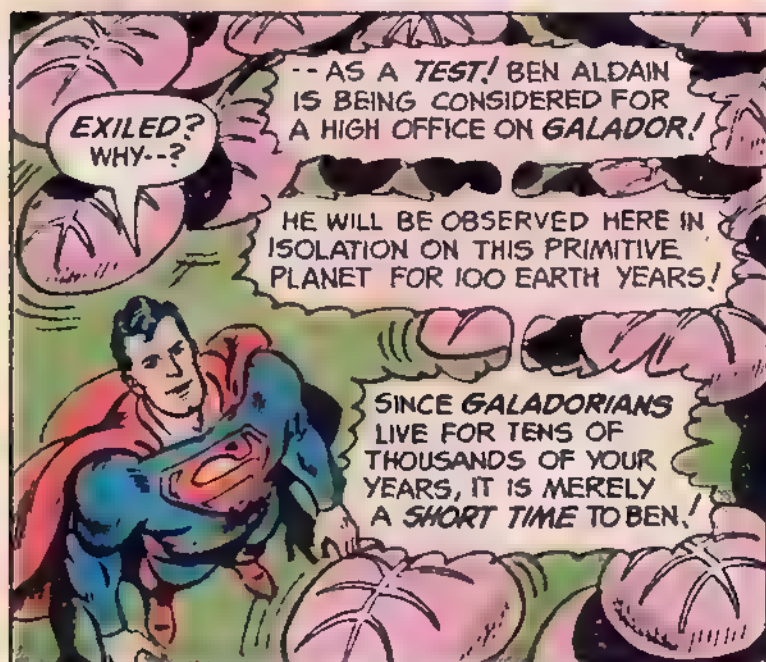
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PLANT... ITS
LEAVES ARE
STIRRING,
EVEN THOUGH
THERE'S NO
BREEZE...

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TO COMMUNICATE
WITH ME!



THE
WHISPERING
OF THE
LEAVES IS IN AN
INTERSTELLAR
LANGUAGE...
AND MY SUPER-
BRAIN IS
LATCHING ON
TO IT!

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SENTINEL
TREE,
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HERE TO
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ALDAIN,
EXILE FROM
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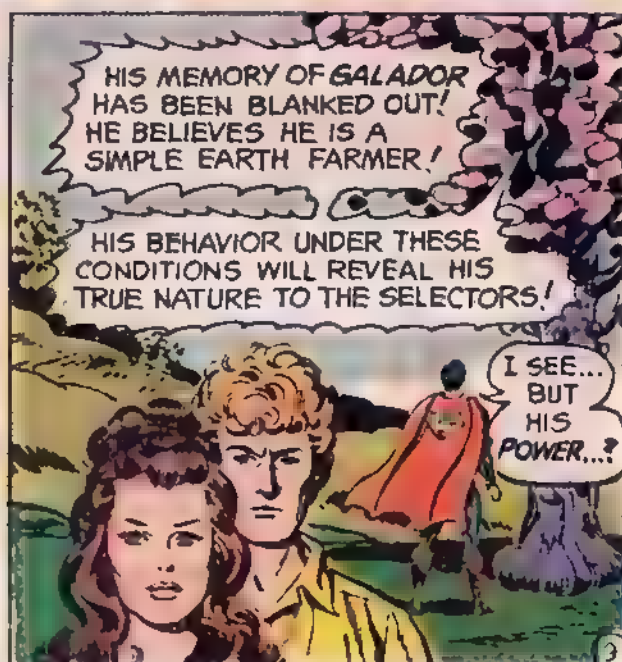


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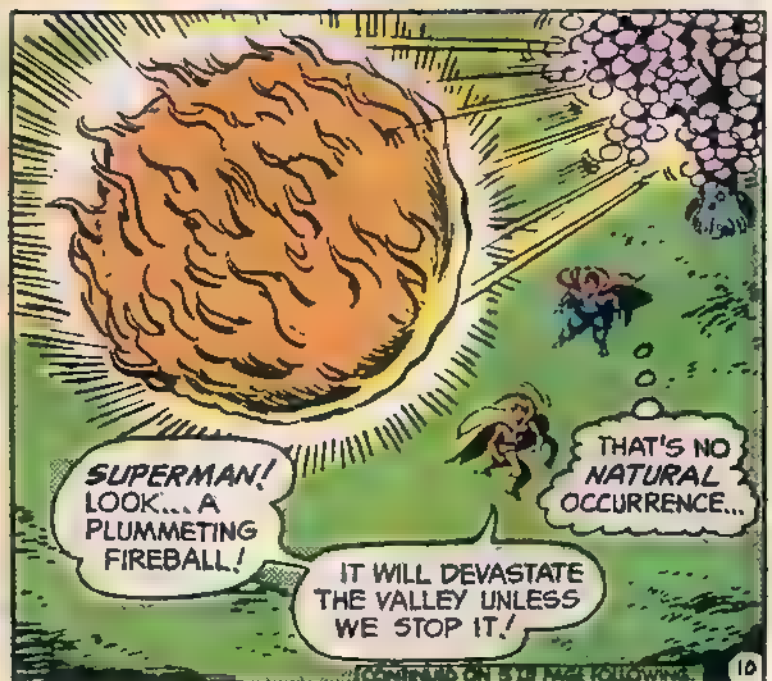
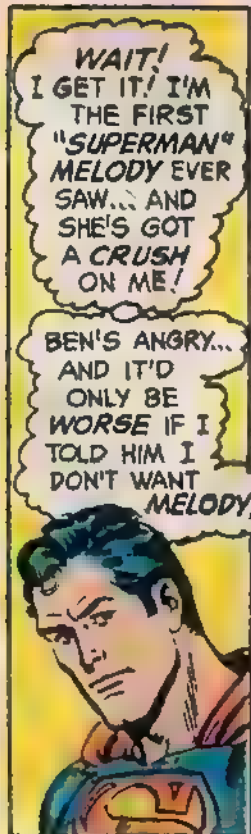
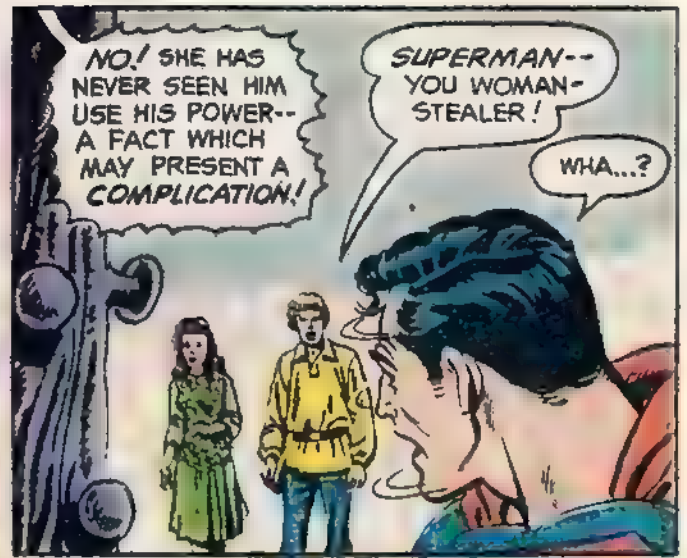
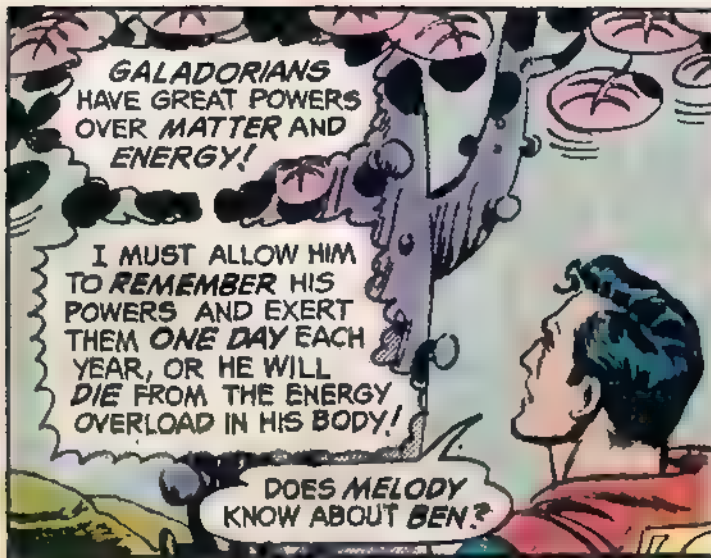
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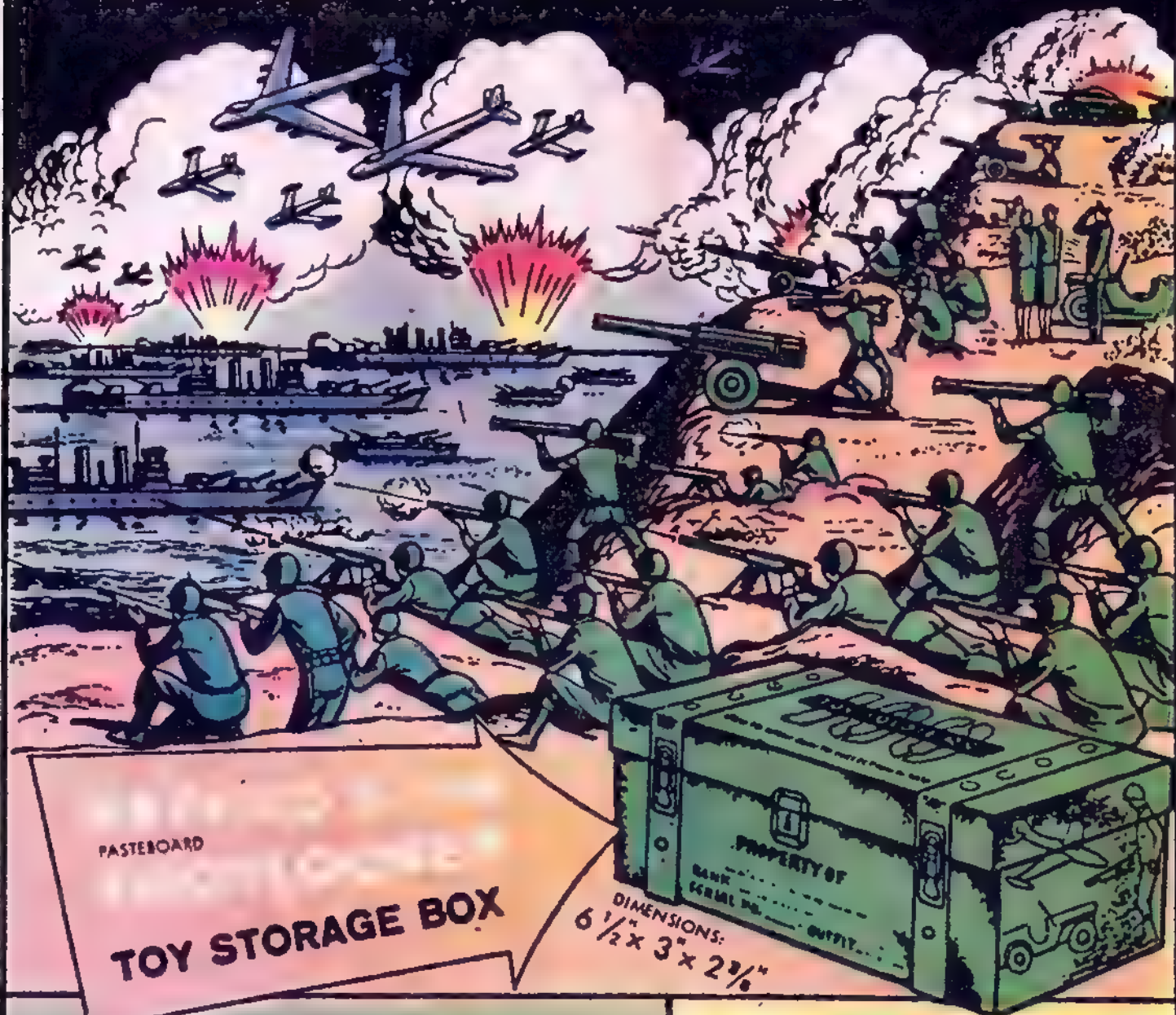
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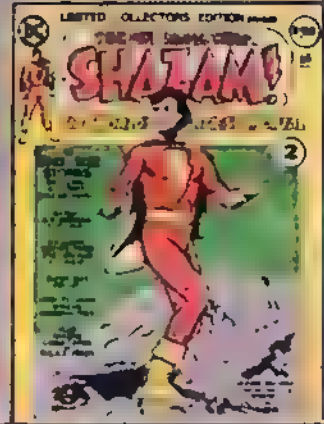
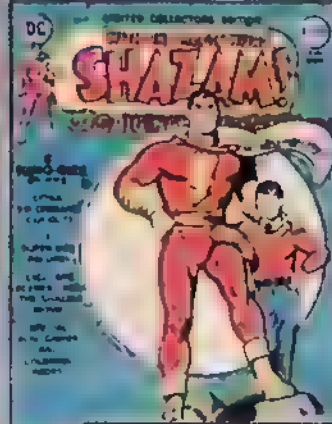
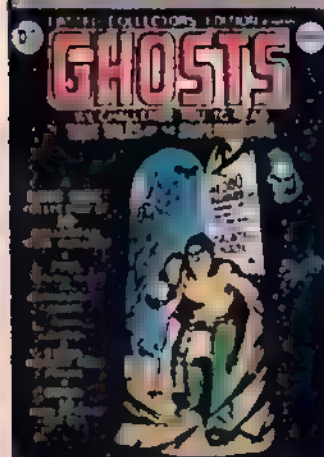
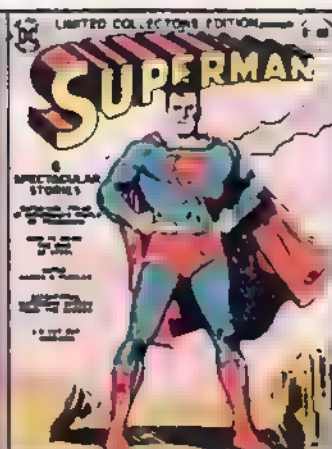
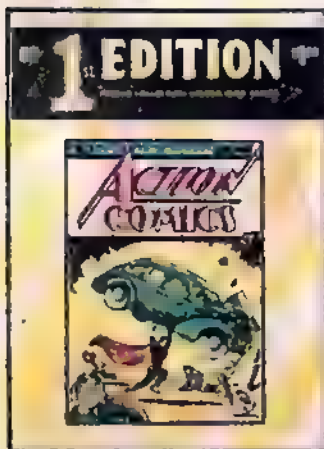
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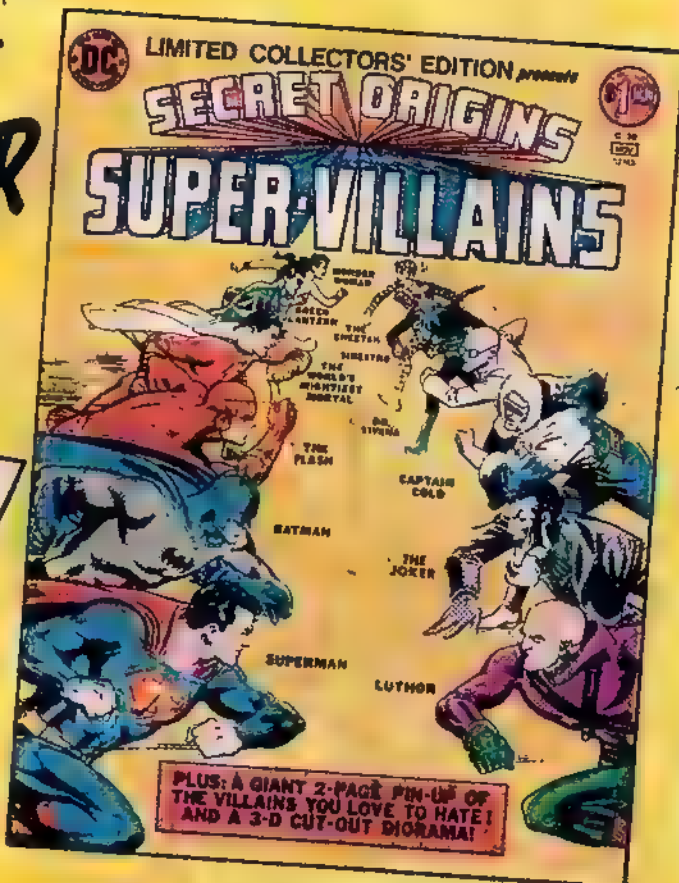
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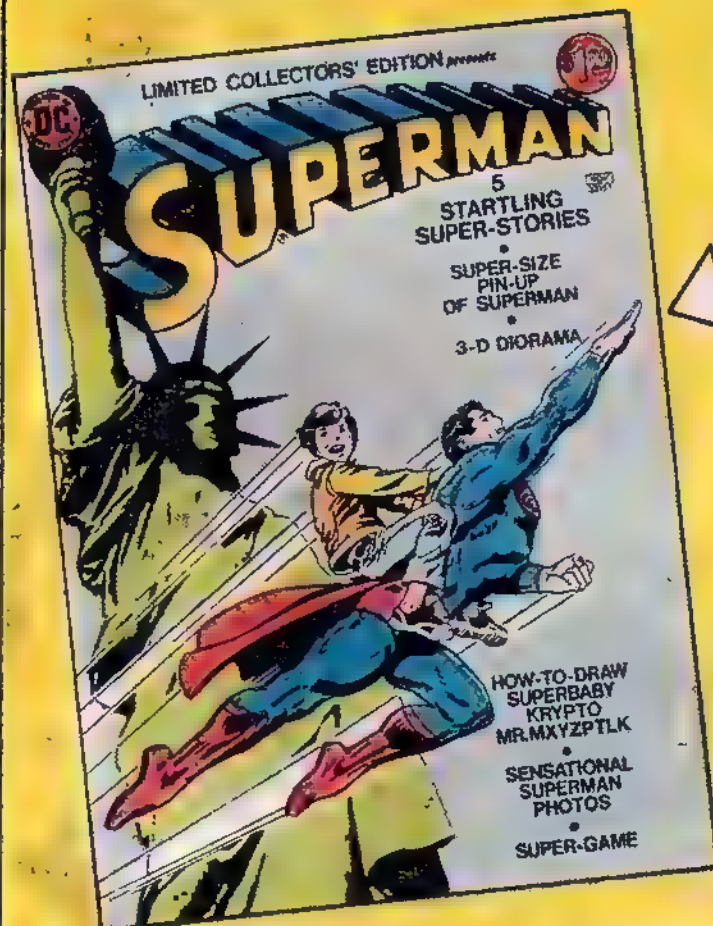
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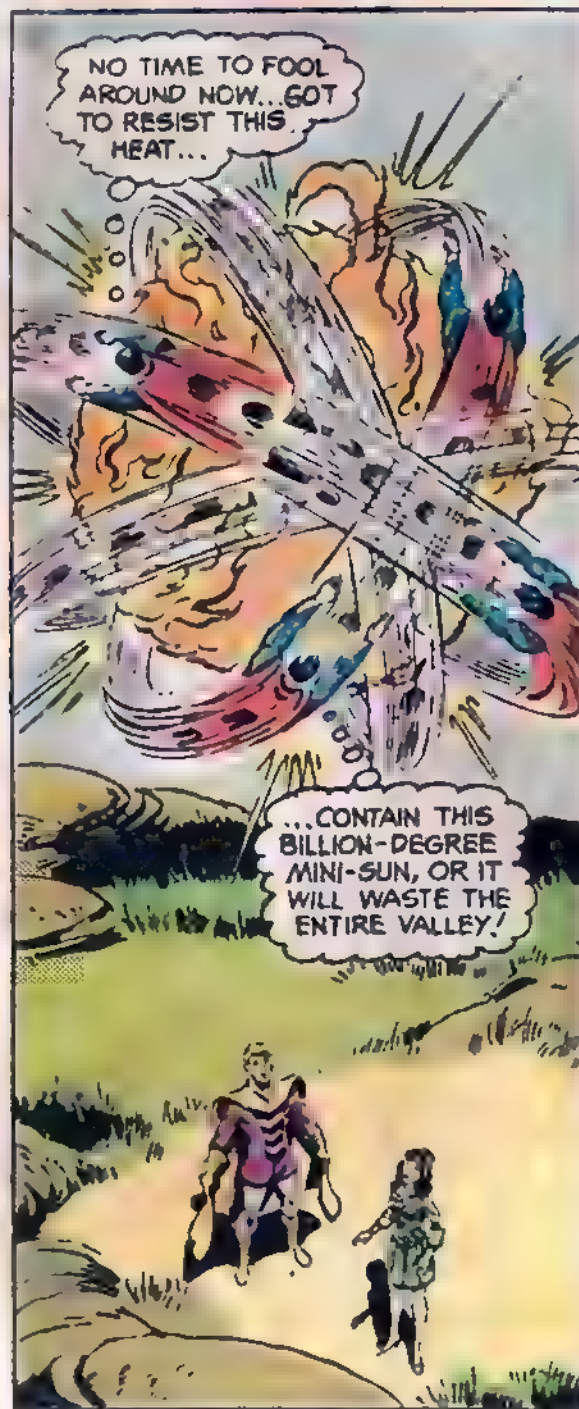
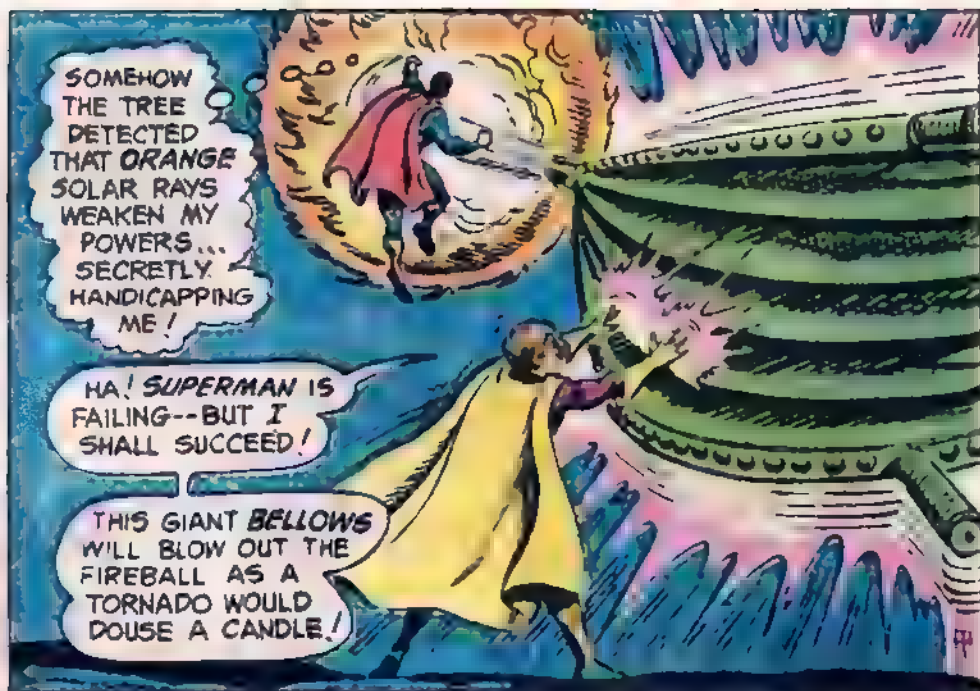
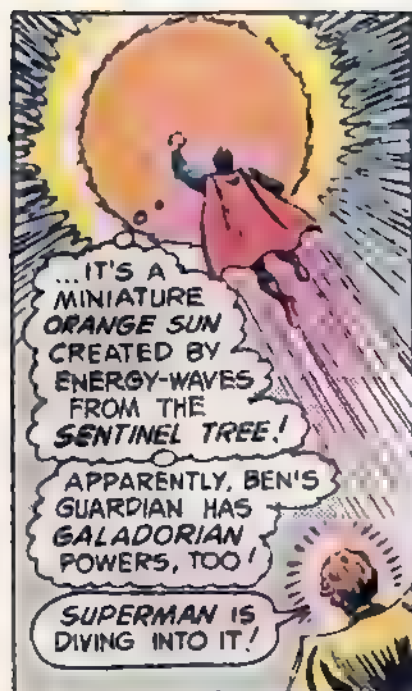
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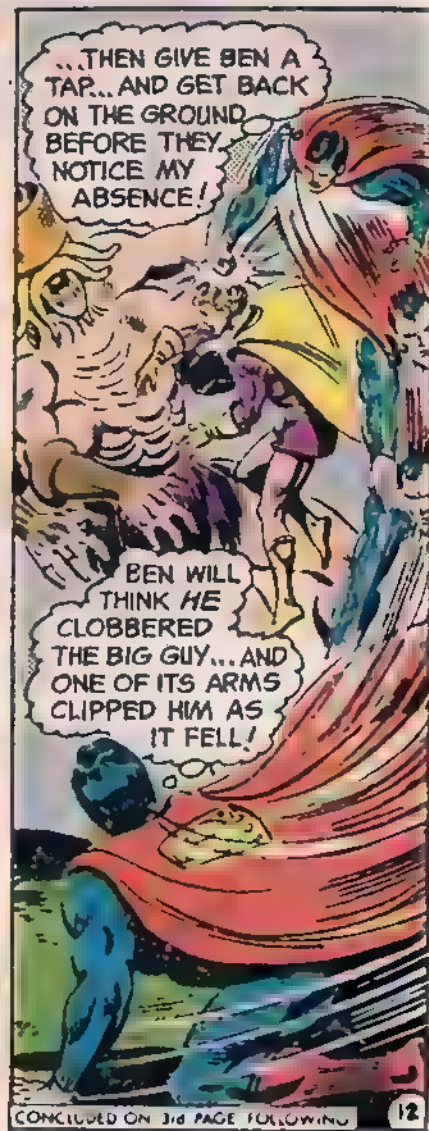
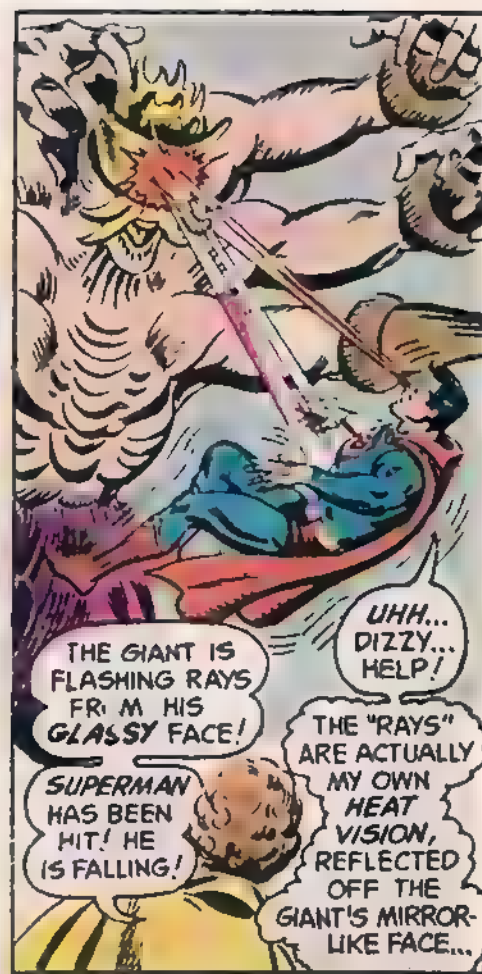
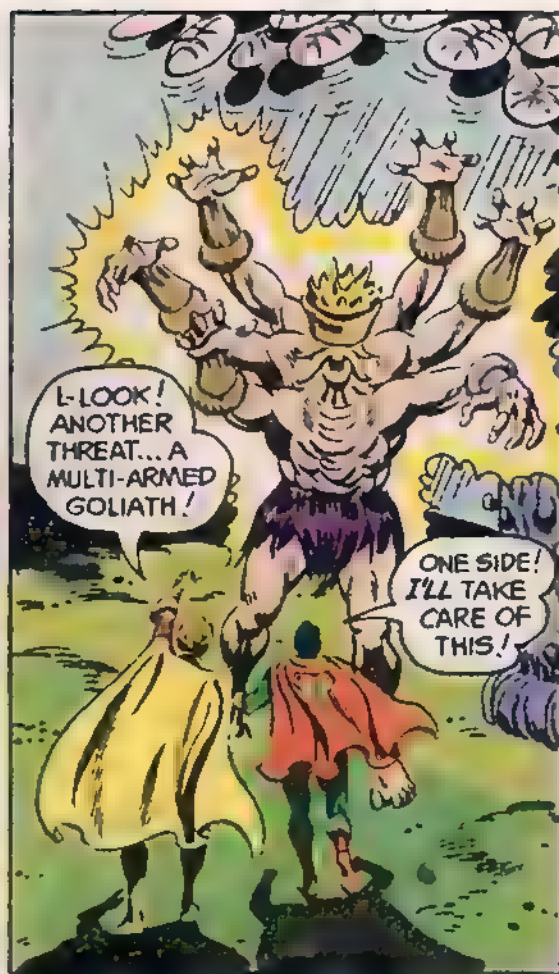
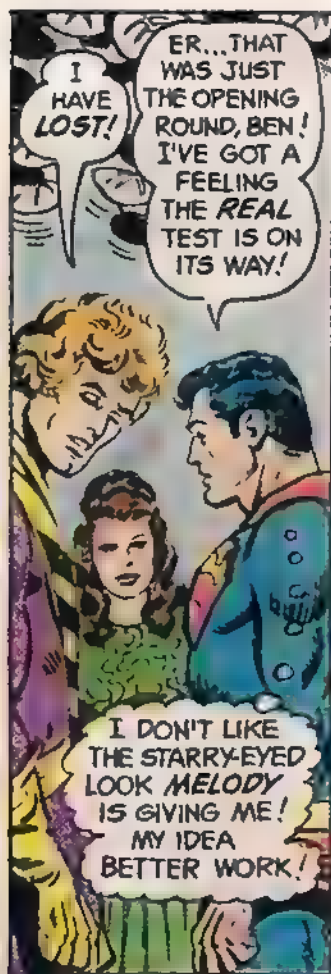
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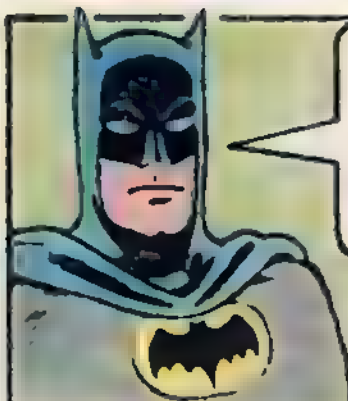
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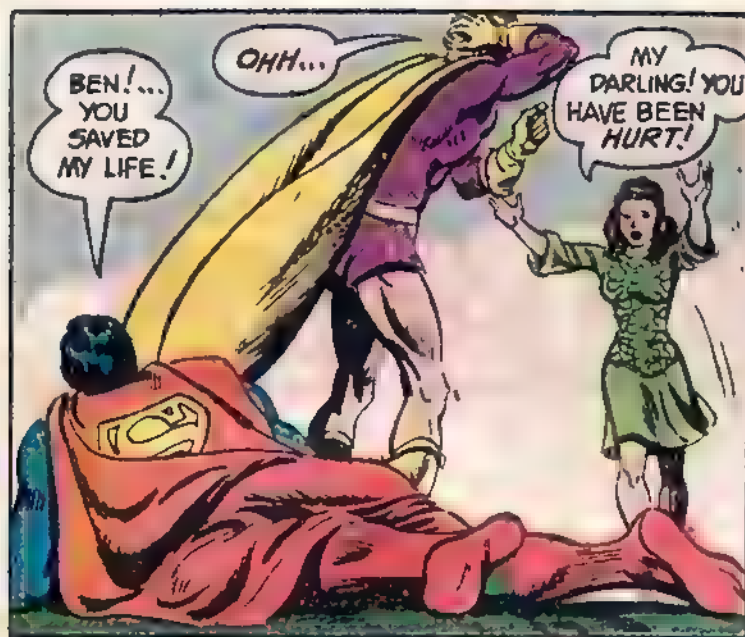
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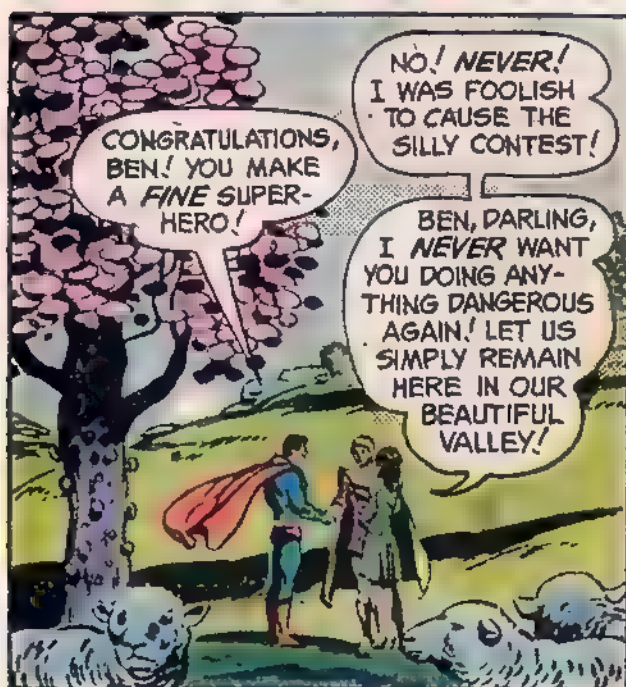


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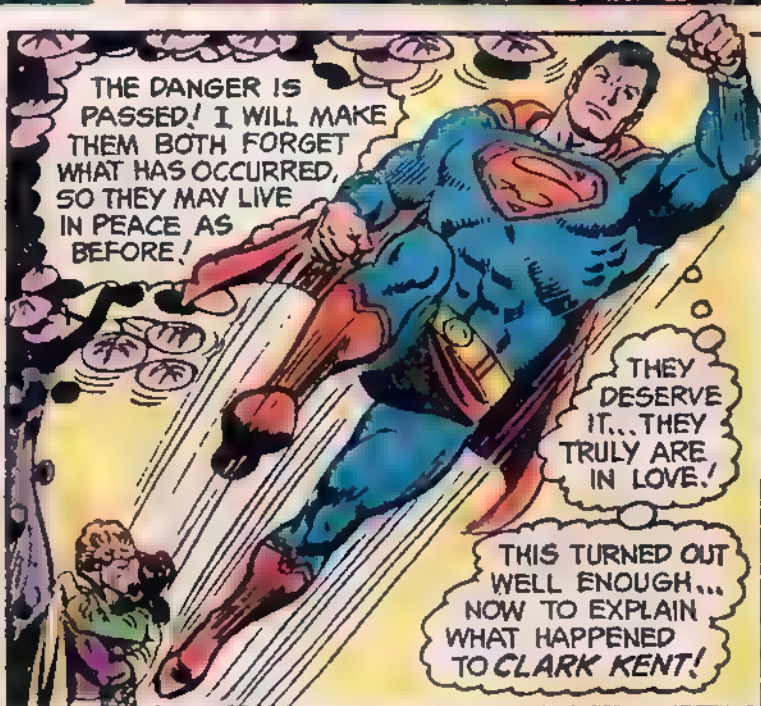
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CONGRATULATIONS, BEN! YOU MAKE A *FINE* SUPER-HERO!

NO! NEVER! I WAS FOOLISH TO CAUSE THE SILLY CONTEST!

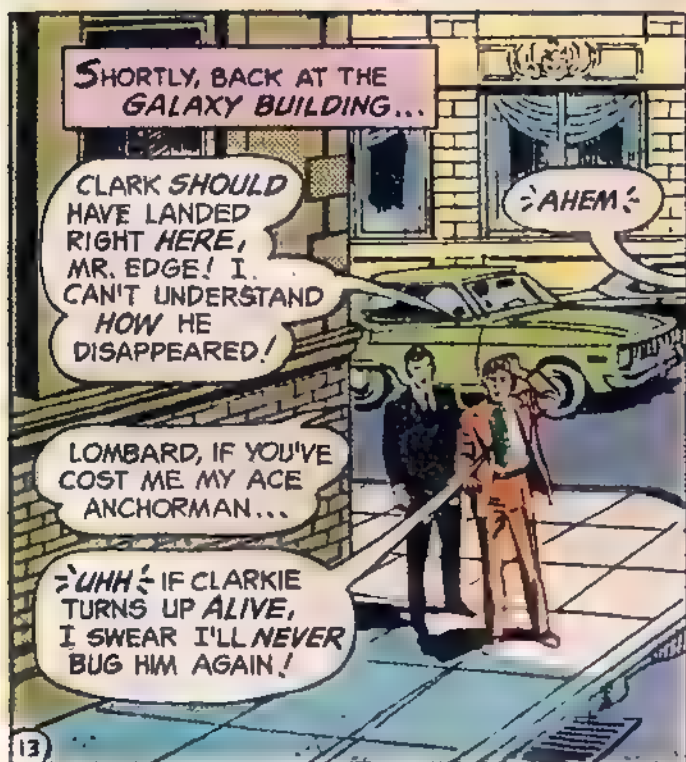
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THE DANGER IS PASSED! I WILL MAKE THEM BOTH FORGET WHAT HAS OCCURRED, SO THEY MAY LIVE IN PEACE AS BEFORE!

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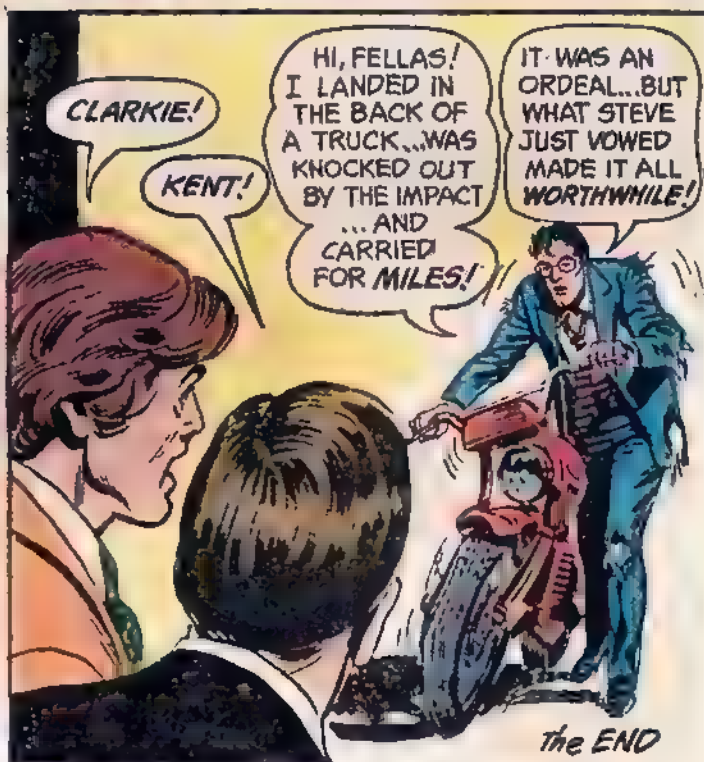
SHORTLY, BACK AT THE GALAXY BUILDING...

CLARK SHOULD HAVE LANDED RIGHT HERE, MR. EDGE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE DISAPPEARED!

AHEM!

LOMBARD, IF YOU'VE COST ME MY ACE ANCHORMAN...

UHH! IF CLARKIE TURNS UP ALIVE, I SWEAR I'LL NEVER BUG HIM AGAIN!



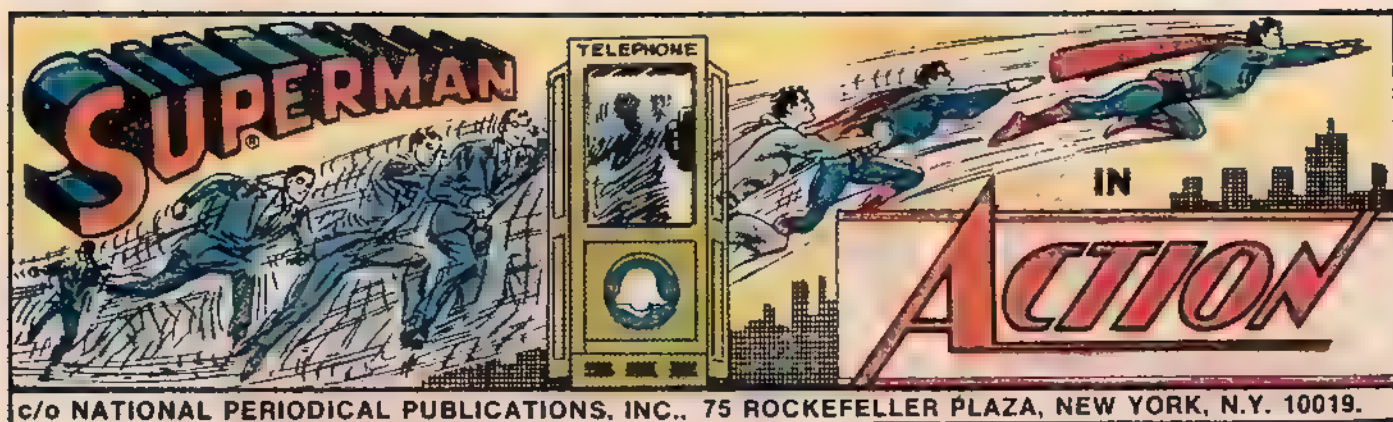
CLARKIE!

KENT!

HI, FELLAS! I LANDED IN THE BACK OF A TRUCK... WAS KNOCKED OUT BY THE IMPACT ... AND CARRIED FOR MILES!

IT WAS AN ORDEAL... BUT WHAT STEVE JUST VOWED MADE IT ALL WORTHWHILE!

The END



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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

"The Man Who Created Superman" (Action 447) is exactly the kind of story Elliot S! Maggin handles so well: the menace is tertiary to the hero, who is, himself, secondary to a human-interest or other-interest plot element. Elliot made me care much more about Uncle Joe than I cared about the solar bomb. And while I think the "moral" in **Superman's** thoughts at the end of the tale was equally clear unsaid, to complain about it would be nrtipicking of the "six-fingers-on-page-12-panel-7" school of LoC's. So I will only compliment Messrs. Maggin, Swan and Oksner for a very good outing.

For the first time since he lost his own magazine, **The Atom** is being played straight, as a super-hero instead of a tiny guy in a costume around whom weird things happen. I suspect this has nothing to do with the script of "The Girl with the 24-Karat Dreams", which, though good, was as gimmicky as any of Pasko's other **Atom** stories. No, this seriousness was the contribution of two people named Buckler and Janson. For once, **The Atom** (and everyone else) looked like full-sized, proportioned humans. I do think Marty's script would have played better without the gimmick-opening, but I suspect Marty is falling prey to a certain flaw which afflicts most fans-turned-writers and which usually wears off after a short while: the writing-for-fans cutesiness and exaggeration of the gimmicks of their favorite scripters, which can take the fun out of an otherwise good story. Watch out for it, Marty!

Well, that's it for this month, friends. A straightforward LoC for a straightforward comic, by

Roger Klose, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Glad to hear that! We wouldn't want our magazine to be BACKWARD!—E.N.B.)

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Dear ENB:

Elliot Maggin turned out a fine tale in "The Man Who Created Superman!". The action was well executed and plotted, and kept me interested right up until the second to the last page. Then it kind of deflated.

The problem was Mr. Maggin's weak explanation of how Jerome knew everything that was happening, and that explanation was very weak. His subconscious remembered the reports of a **Superbaby** and BOOM!, Jerome knew he was called **Superman**, what city he lived in, what type of hero he was, and followed all the events that led to his rescue. And how did Jerome know **Supes** could break the time-barrier? C'mon, Elliot, I love your stories, but try to restrain yourself.

The **Atom** tale was better than most. I think Marty Pasko is getting better every tale he writes. The art was superb, also.

All in all, **Action** #447 was pretty good.

Perry Wilson, Sonora, Calif.

(If you didn't like Clark's explanation of Joey's knowledge, try Brad's answer on page 6: "He'd always had a second sight—knew things no one else knew!"—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

It's been a long time since **Superman** did anything really super. Helping **Green Lantern** polish off **Sinestro**, thwarting the **Revenge Squad**, and playing cat-and-mouse with suspicious **Lois** are just "cans of corn" for the **Man of Steel**. But saving the world from a solar bomb blast in a most ingenious manner is a job for **Superman**!

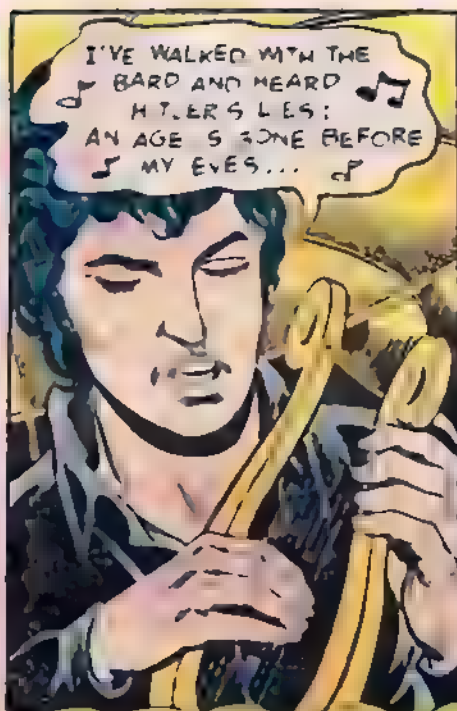
Uncle Joey is a fine, lovable character, and a heck of a smart man. The **Metropolis Marvel** needed help with this one and he got it from an old, eccentric hermit (a hermit who has an imagination—a built-in coming attractions for reality).

It would be interesting to see Uncle Joey again, but only when the **Action Ace** is totally stumped.

"The Girl with the 24-Karat Dreams" was a superbly illustrated story if nothing else. It is difficult to comment on the Pasko script because of the tale's brevity. I will admit the ending has me anxiously awaiting the next installment.

Joe Peluso, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(Thanks—and here's a welcome back to long-time lettercol regular Peluso. We don't get as many letters from you as we used to, but when we do, we like 'em!—E. NELSON BRIDWELL)



"The DAY the DREAMING DIES"

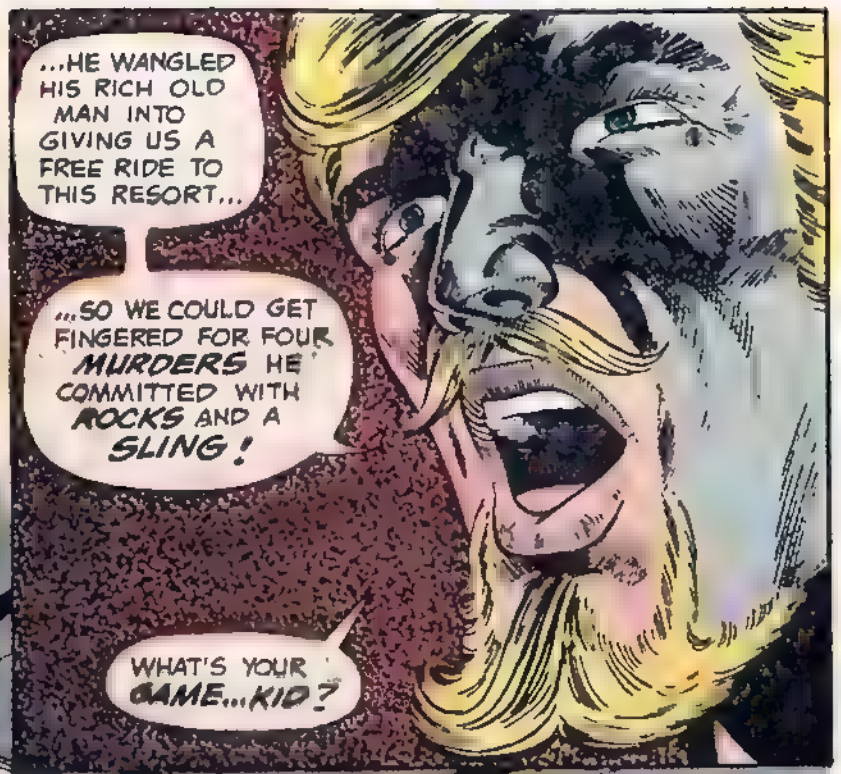
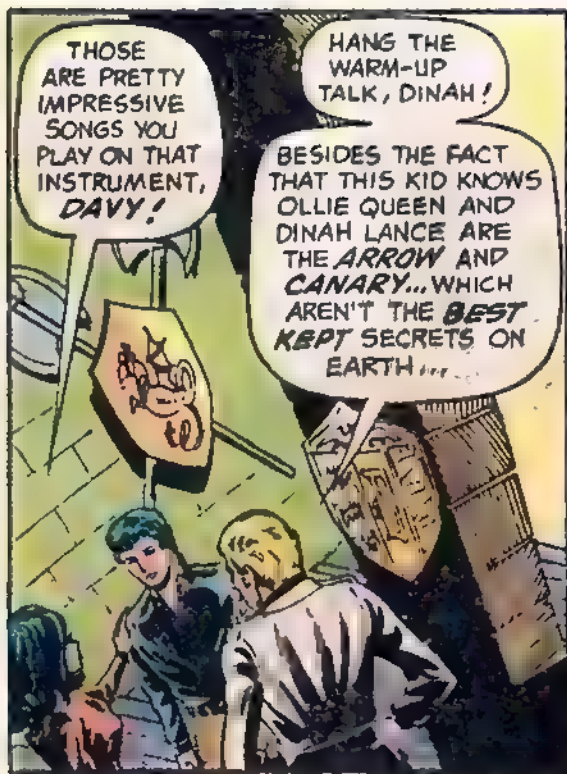


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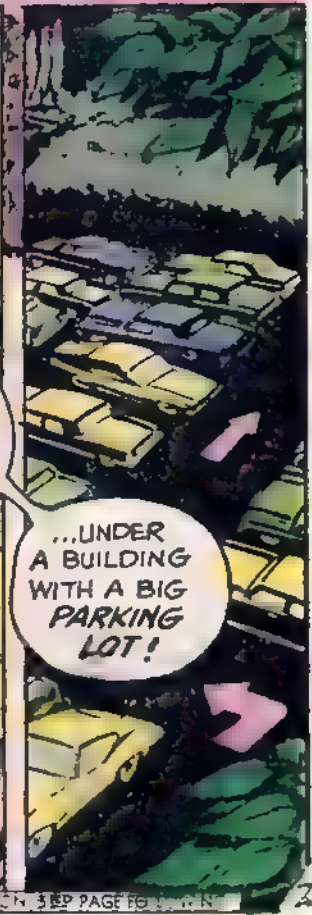
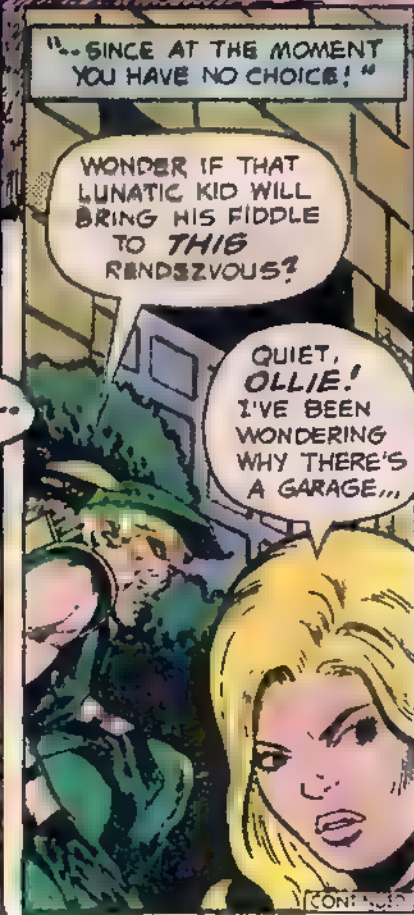
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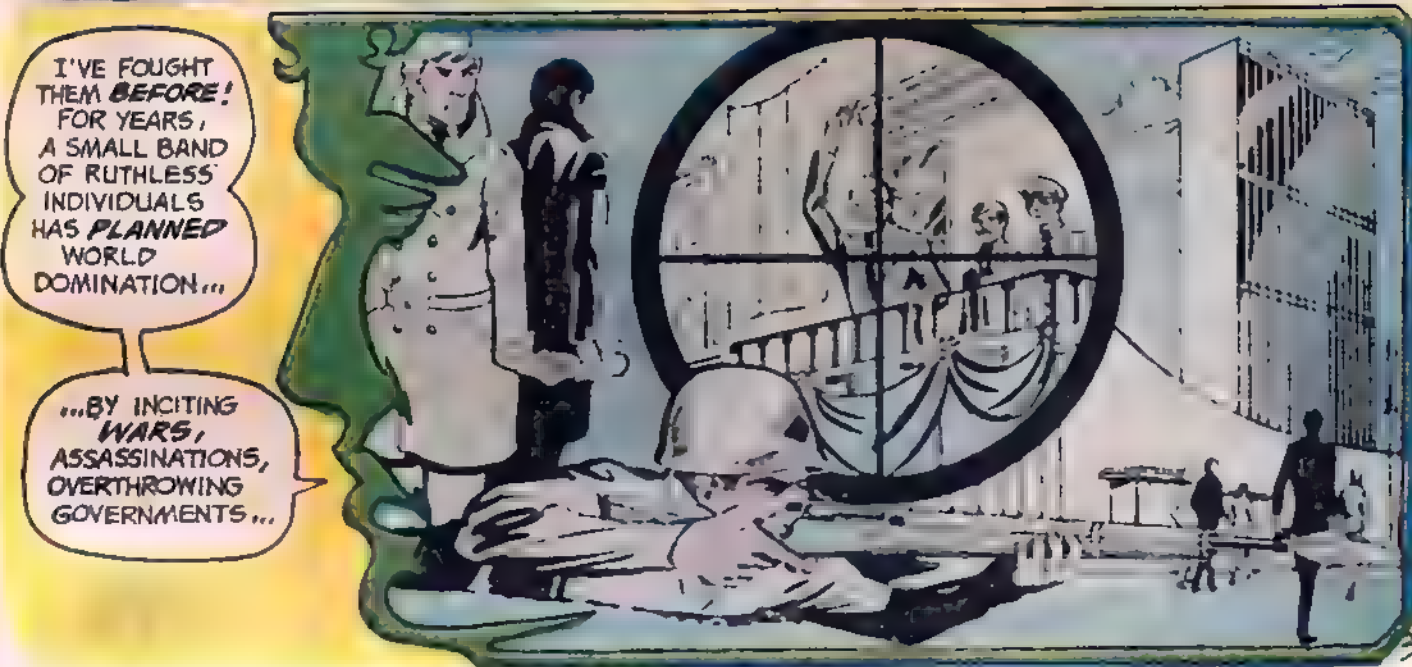
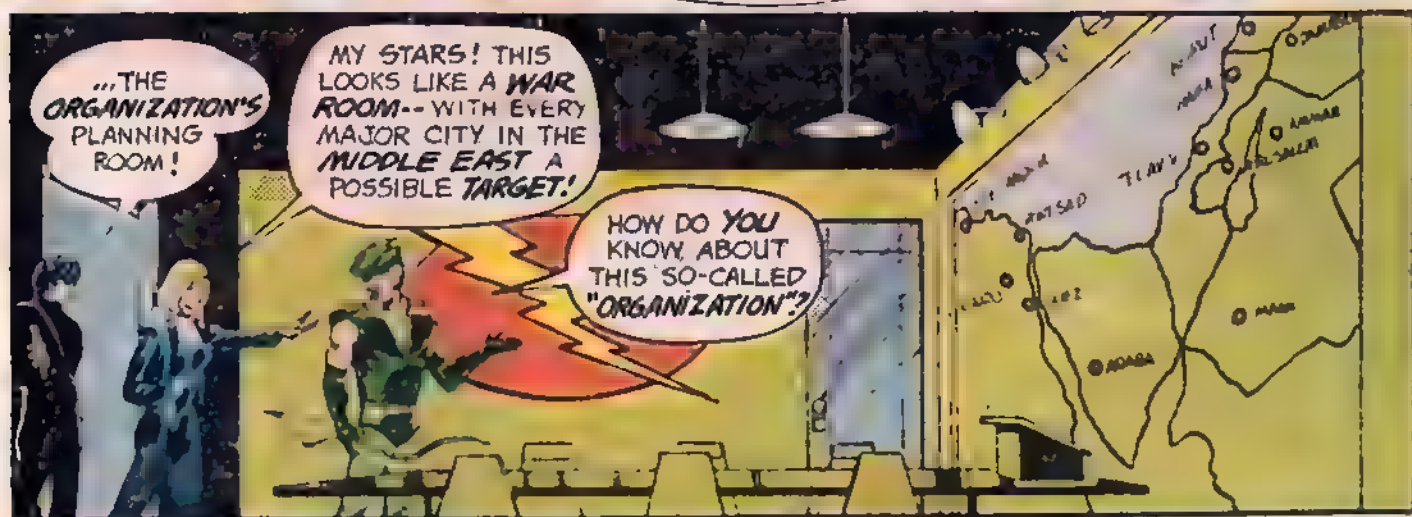
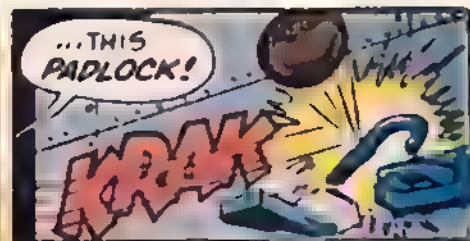
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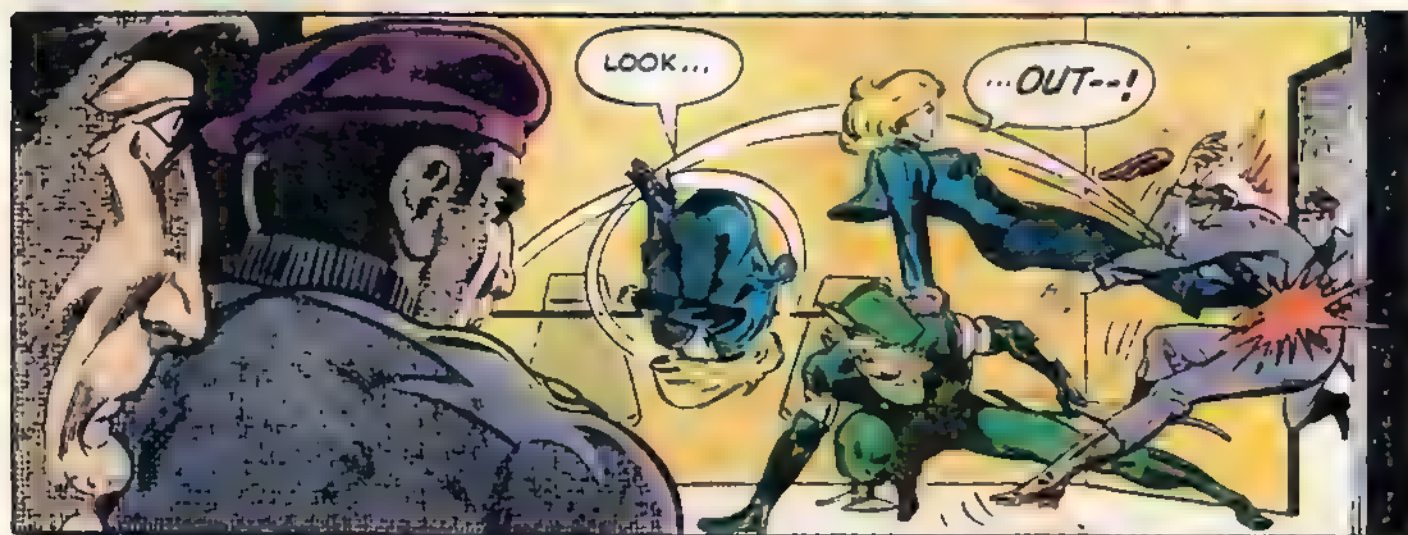
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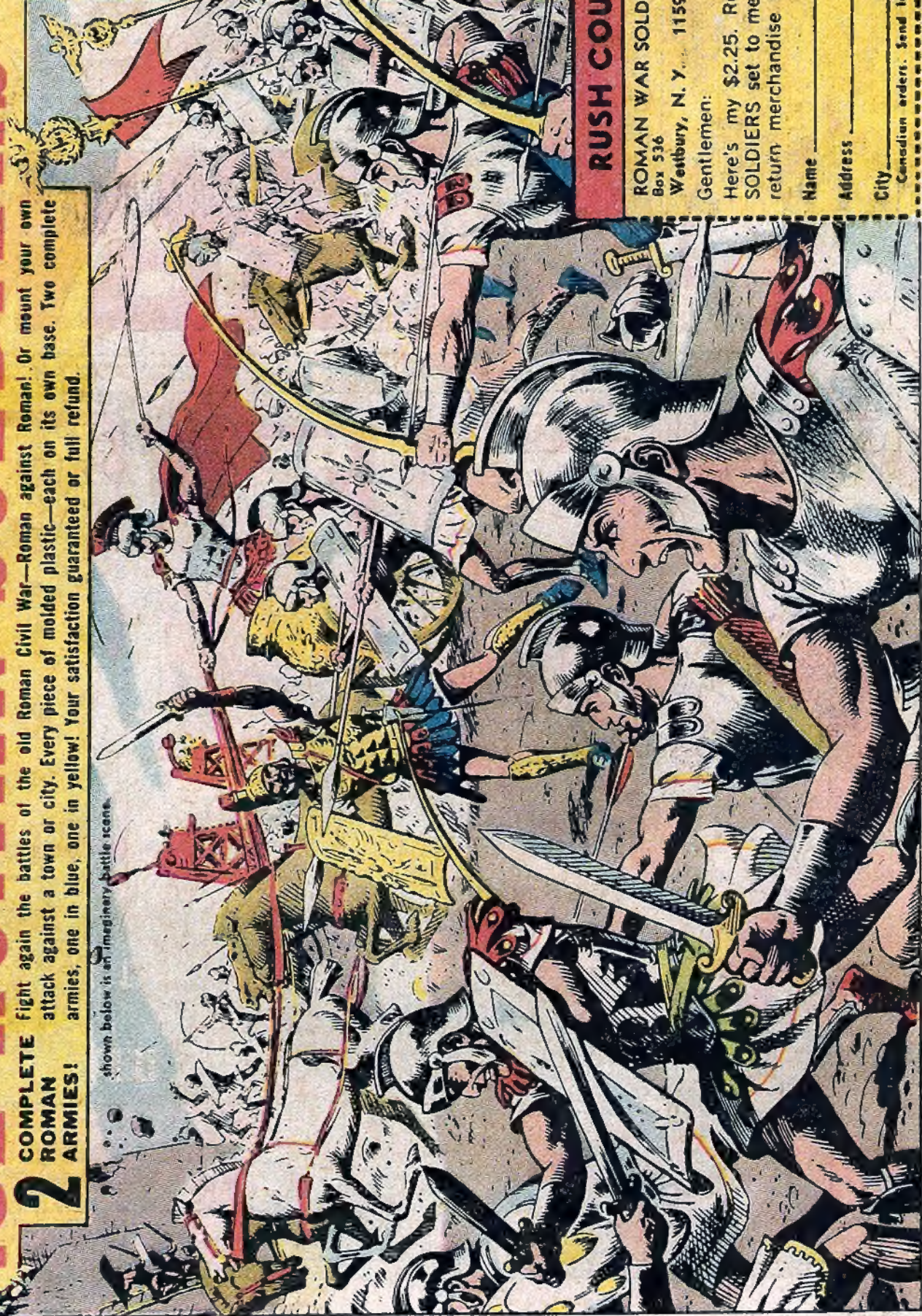
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